IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takeshi Ishida et al.

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2008, and having a period for response set to expire on November 20, 2008.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.